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II. Calendar of conferences and meetings

A. Requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

1. At its 531st meeting, on 2 September 2014, the Committee on Conferences considered the sections of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences (see A/69/120, sect. II.A.1, and supplementary information,[1] chap. I) containing requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, by which the Assembly decided that no subsidiary organ of the Assembly might meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

Conclusions and recommendations

2. **The Committee on Conferences recommended that the General Assembly explicitly authorize the following bodies to meet in New York during the main part of its sixty-ninth session, on the understanding that all such meetings would be allocated conference services on an "as available" basis, in such a way that the work of the Assembly and its Main Committees would not be impeded:**

(a) **Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III);**

(b) **Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;**

(c) **United Nations Board of Auditors;**

[1] See http://coc.dgacm.org/2014/Documents/2014_Supplementary_Information.pdf.

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(d) **Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;**

(e) **Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;**

(f) **Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries;**

(g) **Independent Audit Advisory Committee;**

(h) **Disarmament Commission;**

(i) **Committee on Relations with the Host Country;**

(j) **Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;**

(k) **Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.**

B. Adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2015 and related matters

3. At its 533rd meeting, on 3 September 2014, the Committee reviewed and adopted the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2015 (A/AC.172/2014/L.2).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee had before it a letter dated 30 June 2014 from the representatives of 32 Member States addressed to the Chair of the Committee (A/AC.172/2014/3). The Committee decided to consider the letter under agenda item 2 (b).

C. Intersessional departures for 2014 and related matters

5. The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/251, approved the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2014 and 2015, as submitted by the Committee on Conferences, and authorized the Committee to make any adjustments that might become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session. The calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2014/2 and Corr.1.

6. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee decided that, in future, requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

7. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

8. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee decided that requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes, as decided upon by the Committee at its substantive session

of 1994, should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

9. The Committee on Conferences approved several requests in 2014 from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for additional meetings and extended meeting hours. The Committee also approved a request from the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for a change of venue from New York to Geneva. The Committee approved the request of the Commission on the Status of Women for an additional meeting during its fifty-eighth session. The Committee also approved the request of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation for additional meeting time for its eighteenth session. The Committee on Conferences approved a request from the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing for additional meeting time. The Committee also approved the request for an additional plenary meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.